

# NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB



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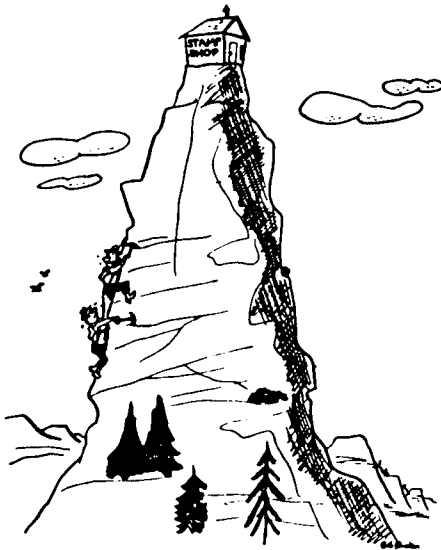
Newsletter

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Meetings : Nova Scotia Museum, Summer Street, Halifax, N.S.

Next Meeting : Tuesday, February 14th, 1984

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"Sure I know it's a tough climb, but where else can you get stamps at one-fiftieth of catalogue?"



"Oh! it usually starts out quite innocently with just a packet of hinges."

490.

## Program for the Next Meeting -- Bob Vaison :

The February 14th Meeting of the NSSC will commence at 1930hrs due to the length of the Catalogue Auction. The auction lots will be on display from 1830-1930hrs and at that time a brief business meeting will be held after which our capable auctioneers will place 300 lots of excellent material under the hammer. The listing of the lots is enclosed with this copy of the Newsletter so you all know what is available, but you'll still have time to look over the items of your interest on that night. After lot 150, a short intermission will allow further inspection of the remaining lots.

This should be another good Catalogue Auction as

335 lots were submitted by members. As a result, a committee chaired by Ron Lewis, met on January 15th to appraise the submission and reduce the total down to 300 lots that they felt would gain the most interest from those attending. We want to sell every lot, we don't think that's ever been done before. This auction is open to the public and extra copies of the auction listing will be available at that time for non-members. The only difference between members and non-members for this meeting is that non-members must pay cash for lots gained while members can pay cash or cheque. Nova Scotia Hospital tax is added to all sales unless a licence for the exemption is provided.

491. Executive Meeting -- Notes :

The January meeting of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club Executive was held on Monday, January 16th, with the following items of business being brought forward ;

- Catalogue Auction -- Ron Lewis provided details as listed in item 490 of this Newsletter.
- 1984 Exhibition -- George MacKenzie provided an update on the plans listed in the last Newsletter, nothing new at present, the Committee will meet again in early February. Information re entries listed in item 492 following the Executive Notes.
- Trading Session -- All the ideas provided by members at the December meeting were discussed and it was decided that the best idea was to have one meeting a year set aside as sort of a " Philatelic Flea Market ". Bob Vaison will investigate this further and final plans for such an event will be well publicized in the Newsletter.
- New Library Books -- Two sets of books ; " This is Philately " by Ken Wood ( 3 volumes ) and Robson-Lowe Reference Books ( 5 volumes ) were suggested as additions to our library. It was decided to purchase Ken Wood's publications and get a pricing for the Robson-Lowe volumes. More information will be listed in the Newsletter as the books are received.
- Royal Philatelic Society of Canada membership -- George Robertson gave a talk on membership in the RPSC at the last meeting. Any members wanting to join the " Royal " can check with either George or Marilyn Murphy who have membership forms. In the case of sponsorship by the club through Marilyn, the club gets a rebate of \$ 2.00.
- Reduction in Membership -- It was noted by one of the Executive that our membership roll is slowly declining as well as attendance at our monthly meetings. He was wondering if we should be greatly concerned. After some discussion it was decided that we are in good shape compared to other clubs of any given topic worldwide. One point that was raised was that some new members commented that regular members seemed to form little groups and pay no attention to new members. This seems to be the norm for any club but we must try to do better at future meetings. Once a new member is known, all members are asked to ensure he/she/they become part of the club and made feel at home. This responsibility falls mainly on the Executive but sometimes they become busy with pre-

meeting business so other members are asked to fill the void.

492. Exhibition Watch -- Exhibition Chairman :

The Rules and Regulations for the Nova Scotia Stamp Club's 1984 Stamp Exhibition can be found as a separate part of this Newsletter. As in the past the Exhibition Committee is looking for at least 100 frames and hope to beat last year's mark of 106.

Please submit your entries ( forms not displays ) to Bob Vaison as soon as possible, the deadline for entries is not until March 30th but the sooner the better -- we have to make up the program insert and have it printed after that date. Surely members have their plans finalized for their entry now, you can send the form to Bob even before you start your exhibit. Another reason we need to know as quickly as possible is that once again we've opened the Exhibition to any Stamp Club member so we may have numerous outside entries or maybe not. If we do have, decisions will have to be made as to space allotments etc. Evidently the juniors are starting already as they did last year so they'll need as much space etc as last year. Remember, the reason the Executive opened the Exhibition up was due to the lack of participation by our own members over the past years so lets put on the same spirit we did last year . Oh yes ; lets have some different exhibitors this year and not rely on the same old members that have been putting in entries for years . Somebody has to take that Bill Stephenson Trophy away from our President.

493. President's Notes -- Who Else ? :

Ed's note ; another new feature, hopefully this one will keep going.

1. Collins Baugild rarely misses a monthly meeting, but the last meeting, January 10th, was one of those occasions. Collins added another year of youth on that day and his family had arranged a party for him. From every member of this Club and philatelists everywhere " HAPPY BIRTHDAY COLLINS "

2. Speaking of stamps, do you know, if Collins's parents had put aside a sheet of each of the Edwards and a sheet of each of the Quebec Tercentenary issues when they came out for Collins education, what they would now be valued at ( or a single of each for that matter )

3. New metric cancellers . As displayed to the members that were at the last meeting, Canada Post appears to have authorized a new metric type canceller. A sample of the Springhill, Nova Scotia one is shown here. So far I have seen them only from Georgetown, Ontario, before Christmas and Springhill. This is another field for future stamp collectors to specialize in. Perhaps other members can bring up these changes at the meetings or advise the editor.



PROVINCIAL TAX COMMISSION  
HEALTH SERVICES TAX DIVISION  
HALIFAX, N.S.

This is not an inverted Dalhousie stamp, to see the real stamp, turn the Newsletter upside down or stand on your head.

494. Study Groups -- Addresses :

As stated before in the Newsletter, the Executive has been investigating the matter of study groups that members may want to join, if possible, or start one of their own. A complete listing has been received from the American Philatelic Society and a few will be listed in each Newsletter. Each member is responsible to take whatever action he wants to in regards to a specific area of interest, write the representative or whatever.

Flag Cancel Society - R. Larry Miller, 664 Chester St, Ogden, Utah,  
USA 84404

Maritime Postmark Society - Tom Hirsinger, 141 Gordon Ave, Wadsworth,  
Ohio, USA 44281

The Perfins Club - Floyd A. Walker, PO Box 82, Grandview, MO.  
USA 64030

Post Mark Collectors Club - Steven J. Bahnsen, 1712 7th Avenue,  
Apt 3C, Moline, Ill., USA 61265

495. Anti-Theft Committee -- Royal Philatelic Society of Canada :

Ed's note ; I know this has been in the Mayflower and other Newsletters but I think its well worth the space in case somebody has not seen it.

Dear Chapter Representative ;

The purpose of this letter is to

inform you and, through you, all the Members of your Club of a new service the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada has established. The ANTI-THEFT COMMITTEE. The major objective will be to try to help any stamp collector who has the misfortune to have his or her collection stolen. By providing details of the stolen material as quickly as possible to the dealer community in all parts of the Country it is hoped to minimise opportunities for criminals to dispose of stolen items and to maximise the chances for recovery.

Our Committee is working very closely with the Theft Committee of the American Philatelic Society and the Canadian Stamp Dealers Association. Will you please inform the Members of your Club that if any of them have a theft they should call their local police immediately. We will not involve ourselves with any theft that has not been first reported to the local Police Authorities. Then call either myself or my associate Denis Hamel, as quickly as possible with the details. We will advise the dealer community. A detailed questionnaire will be sent to the victim by mail for completion and return to me.

I should add a caution, do not expect the ANTI-THEFT COMMITTEE to work any miracles. It is an unfortunate fact that the recovery record for stolen philatelic material is very poor. Of nine thefts reported to me so far this year (1983 ) only one recovery has been made. The American Philatelic Society has had even less success. What we look for is for some of this material to surface several years hence. When that happens it is hoped that the records we are assembling will prove of value to Police Authorities in helping to identify recovered philatelic material. With this in mind I would suggest that your Club Members take steps to compile as detailed an inventory as possible of their holdings even to the point of making a photocopy record page by page of their collections. These should not be kept with the collection but should be in your Bank Safety Deposit Box. It is a lot of work I know but it could well prove to be worth it if there is a theft problem.

I should point out that this new R.P.S.C. service is available to ANY collector who has a theft. This is being provided as a service to ALL stamp collectors in Canada -- not just to members of the " Royal ". Address is Anti-Theft Committee, PO Box 745, Barrie, Ontario, L4M 4Y5. Phone numbers Michael Miller 705-726-5019 or Denis Hamel 418-651-1081.

#### ADVERTISING

##### FOR SALE

USA mint at face value - strong early 50's and late 60's. Call Mark Goodwin at 455-9202 after 5PM any day.

##### LOOKING FOR

Poland ; covers, Souvenir Sheets, used singles and blocks. Giving double catalogue value - your choice from stock. Contact Les Sarkany at 443-2640.

##### WANTED

will pay cash or trade ; Big Glace Bay, N.S. cancels - on cover or on single stamps - or any information regarding these post offices. Please contact Mrs Georgie Somers, 26 Strath Lane, Dartmouth, N.S. B2X 1Z1, or phone 435-6923.

496. Membership :

The following collectors have applied for membership in the Nova Scotia Stamp Club ;

Carman C. King, Halifax, N.S. Carman collects Canada and varied worldwide.

Larry Hitz, 3 James Roy Drive, Porter's Lake, N.S. BOJ 2SO,  
Larry collects Canada, Newfoundland, USA, mint or used.

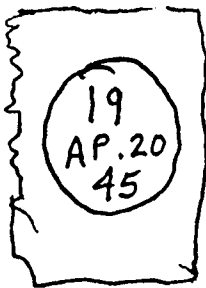
David S. Burton, PO Box 538, Wolfville, N.S. BOP 1XO,  
David collects British North America mint or used.

497. Questions & Answers -- Phil A Telic :

Dear Phil ;

I have just recently acquired a stamp from a friend of mine and on the stamp is 19 as shown here. The stamp is Canada # 257, AP20 45. Could you please help me find where this stamp was sent from or any place where someone may be able to help me. I think it is a military postmark but am not sure. Your article in the Newsletter is a help to me and I'm sure a lot of other philatelists. Enclosed is a brief description of the stamp, a reproduction did not come out very good.

Yours Truly and Philatically  
Clyde Stoddart.



Dear Mr Stoddart ;

You present a very interesting piece of postal history. This type of cancellation was common during World War II. It is a civilian wartime postmark --not military. The military had their own cancellation. It was intended to not identify the town from which the letter came. It is also known as a black-out cancel for this reason.

The 19 shows the time of day it was cancelled, the Ap20 the month and the 45 the year. It was also used for internal or local mail as well as mail going overseas. Hope this sheds some light on your question. Sincerely, Phil

P.S. Thanks for the kind remarks about the article Phil A Telic

Ed's Note ; I believe Phil can really provide a useful and interesting service if members want to take the time to make use of it. Send your questions to Phil - A - Telic, 5890 Pine Hill Cres, Halifax, N.S. B3H 1E5.